

# Best Lawyers In Tennessee

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we placed far greater weight on ability than celebrity, though many enjoy national reputations. And all are actively practicing in the private sector and available for hire.

While there are few objective indica-

**H**ow do you find a good lawyer? For most people, recommendations from business associates point the way. CPAs and bankers also are known to proffer good advice to clients in need of legal counsel, as are judges, company directors and other lawyers themselves.

To save you all this trouble, *Business Tennessee* has spoken with many of the above from all regions of the state to assemble a list of Tennessee's best lawyers. We found an abundance—well more than the 101 we identify in the following pages—of lawyers who have earned the trust and confidence of those who know their work the best.

To be sure, not all are household names, as

tors of excellence in the legal profession, at least one other effort to assess quality is worth noting. Nearly all the lawyers on our list sport an "AV" rating from Martindale-Hubbell, the legal industry directory's highest rating of legal ability and adherence to professional standards of ethics. Martindale-Hubbell, like us, informs itself through the confidential opinions of members of the bar and judiciary.

The result is the *Business Tennessee* Best Lawyers List for 2004. We salute the able men and women recognized below and congratulate them for the high regard in which they are held by their peers and clients.

## GREG SISKIND

Memphis

Siskind & Susser

One of the leading immigration lawyers in the nation. Made the cover of the *ABA Journal* in November. Was among the first few in the field to pioneer the use of Internet. Writes a technology column for *Immigration Law Today*. Commutes regularly to Nashville maintaining large practice with health care companies. Recently landed accounts with International Paper, Cirque du Soleil and St. Jude Children's Hospital to handle their immigration matters. Firm expanded to 21 attorneys between head office in Memphis and branches in nine other cities, including Toronto and Beijing. Former partners Charla Haas and Marilyn Devine split off last summer to form their own immigration practice in Nashville.

